



Philip D. Murphy greeting supporters on Tuesday night in Asbury Park, N.J. He has vowed to counter President Trump’s policies.

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Texas Gunman Escaped From Mental Hospital While in Air Force

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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Tex. — The gunman behind the worst mass shooting in Texas history escaped from a psychiatric hospital while he was in the Air Force, and was caught a few miles away by the local police, who were told that he had made death threats against his superiors and tried to smuggle weapons onto his base, a 2012 police report showed. That episode, which came to light on Tuesday, was another in a series of red flags about the threat

the gunman, Devin P. Kelley, posed to those around him. But none of the warnings stopped Mr. Kelley from legally purchasing several firearms, including the rifle he used to kill 26 people at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs on Sunday. According to an El Paso Police Department report from June 2012, officers took Mr. Kelley, then 21, into custody at a bus station in downtown El Paso, where he apparently planned to flee on a bus after escaping from Peak Behavioral Health Services, a hospital a few miles away in Santa Teresa, N.M. He had gone to Peak Behavioral, whose services include a

‘Danger to Himself and Others,’ Report Said

program for military personnel, after being charged in a military court with assaulting his wife and baby stepson, charges he later pleaded guilty to. The report filed by the El Paso officers says that the person who reported Mr. Kelley missing from the hospital advised them that he “suffered from mental disorders,” and that he “was attempting to carry out death threats” against

“his military chain of command.” The man “was a danger to himself and others as he had already been caught sneaking firearms onto Holloman Air Force Base,” it added. Federal law prohibits gun possession by anyone who “has been committed to any mental institution,” which occurs after a legal process, but it was unclear if that had happened to Mr. Kelley. The Air Force said that Mr. Kelley had been taken to the hospital while he was jailed on the assault charges, and that it was still reviewing records of his case. But Mr. Kelley had clearly been

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Arrests Reveal Blending of Kin And Kingdom

By **NICHOLAS KULISH** and **DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK**
King Salman’s close relatives not only rule Saudi Arabia. They are also in business with it. A major Saudi investment firm founded by one of the king’s sons, and now chaired by another, owns a significant stake in a conglomerate that does extensive government business, including in a shipbuilding partnership with a French defense contractor. A smaller firm founded by another of his sons says it invests in health care, telecommunications, education and other regulated or state-funded fields. None of that apparent conflict of interest seems to be against the law.

But now their brother, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, is leading a sweeping crackdown against what he has labeled “corruption” that has swept up at least 11 princes from the House of Saud. But his immediate family’s complicated and mostly undisclosed business interests are raising questions about what that accusation means in a kingdom where the law has so far included little or no regulation of what other countries have labeled and outlawed as self-dealing. Saudi laws, issued by royal decree or derived from Islamic law, have so far included little or no regulation of the sprawling royal family and its closest clients. The family has never disclosed the sources of its income, how much

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Leaked papers from the Appleby law firm detail thousands of investments made by rulers, government officials, business leaders and pop stars, including Madonna, Bono and Queen Elizabeth II.



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Being Famously Wealthy, as Quietly as Possible

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James H. Simons, a reserved mathematician and hedge fund operator from Boston now approaching 80, is a big Democratic donor. Warren A. Stephens, a 60-year-old golf enthusiast once called the king of Little Rock, Ark., inherited a family investment bank and became a booster of conservative Republicans. But Mr. Simons and Mr. Stephens are both billionaires who have used the services of offshore finance — the trusts and shell companies that the world’s wealthiest people use to park their money beyond the reach of tax collectors and out of the public

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eye. Mr. Simons was the main beneficiary of a private trust, never previously described, that was one of the largest in the world. In response to recent questions about the trust, Mr. Simons said that he had transferred his share to a Bermuda-registered charitable foundation. Mr. Stephens used an opaque holding company to own an approximately 40 percent stake in a loan business accused by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau of cheating working-class and poor Americans. While earning millions from the invest-

ment, Mr. Stephens helped finance a political onslaught against the bureau, never mentioning his personal connection to the fight. The details of the two men’s hidden wealth come from the files of Appleby, founded in Bermuda more than a century ago and considered one of the world’s top offshore law firms. A collection of 6.8 million Appleby documents, obtained by the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung and shared with media organizations through the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, offers an inside look at the firm’s services and customers. Appleby operates in a rarefied universe of ultra-high-net-worth individuals, where yachts and pri-

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DEMOCRATS SCORE TWO BIG VICTORIES IN TRUMP REBUKE

Voters Pick Murphy to Lead New Jersey

By **NICK CORASANITI**
ASBURY PARK, N.J. — New Jersey became the seventh state in the country where Democrats now control the legislative and executive branches with the election on Tuesday of Philip D. Murphy, a former Wall Street banker with no experience in office, as its 56th governor, according to The Associated Press. The decisive victory by Mr. Murphy, who transformed himself from a Goldman Sachs executive into a progressive Democrat to match the direction of an anxious political party, gives Democrats a badly needed lift and a governor who has vowed to make his state a bulwark against the policies of President Trump.

Mr. Murphy’s ascendancy also brings an emphatic end to the tumultuous eight-year reign of Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican who was once considered a viable contender for the White House but who leaves office as one of the country’s least popular governors. Still, despite Mr. Murphy’s skillfully managed campaign and ambitious agenda, it remains to be seen whether he can deliver on his many promises.

Mr. Murphy, 60, easily defeated Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, the Republican candidate and Mr. Christie’s second-in-command, by a margin of 56 to 43 percent, with 98 percent of precincts reporting, after a contentious election that never was really in doubt — Ms. Guadagno had struggled to move out of the shadow of her deeply disliked boss. Mr. Murphy, who promoted a liberal future for New Jersey with a \$15 minimum wage, the legalization of marijuana and a vow to stand up to Mr. Trump, represents a shift in the state’s reputation for electing moderate governors and makes it a deeper shade of blue. In his victory speech, Mr. Murphy made it clear that he believed voters had sent a message meant to reverberate beyond the state. “We will stand firm for New Jersey”

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Northam Is Elected Virginia Governor

By **JONATHAN MARTIN** and **ALEXANDER BURNS**
FAIRFAX, Va. — Voters delivered their first forceful rebuke of President Trump and his party on Tuesday night, with Democrats exploiting Mr. Trump’s deep unpopularity to capture the governorships in Virginia and New Jersey and make significant inroads into suburban communities that once favored the Republican Party. The Democratic Party’s crowning success of the night came in Virginia, where Lt. Gov. Ralph S.



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Ralph S. Northam’s victory cemented Virginia’s blue shift.

Northam, an understated physician and Army veteran, won a commanding victory for governor, overcoming a racially charged campaign by his Republican opponent and cementing Virginia’s transformation into a reliably Democratic state largely immune to Trump-style appeals. Mr. Northam was propelled to victory over Ed Gillespie, the Republican nominee, by liberal and moderate voters who were eager to send a message to Mr. Trump in a state that rejected him in 2016. Mr. Northam led Mr. Gillespie by nearly nine percentage points with 99 percent of precincts reporting, the widest victory in decades for a Democratic candidate for governor of Virginia. His dominating performance offered a momentary catharsis for Democrats beyond the state’s border

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De Blasio Sails to 4 More Years, A First for His Party Since Koch

By **WILLIAM NEUMAN** and **J. DAVID GOODMAN**
Now comes the hard part. Gliding to his second landslide victory, Bill de Blasio was re-elected on Tuesday as the mayor of New York City, overwhelming his Republican challenger, Nicole Malliotakis, and a handful of independent candidates in what he declared a persuasive affirmation of his progressive agenda. Mr. de Blasio, the first Democratic mayor to be re-elected in a generation, since Edward I. Koch captured his third term in 1985, now has four years to further his goal of reshaping the city in his progressive mold. “It’s a good night for progressives,” Mr. de Blasio said at a victory party at the Brooklyn Museum, with his wife, Charlane McCray, and his son, Dante, at his side. “For the first time in 32 years, a Democratic mayor was re-elected in New York City. But let’s promise each other, this is the beginning of a new era of progressive Democratic leadership in New York City for years and years to come.”

Yet Mr. de Blasio’s ability to deliver on his agenda may have far more to do with the winds blowing



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Mayor Bill de Blasio urged progress toward “a fairer city.”

out of Washington and Albany than with circumstances in the five boroughs. Federal budget cuts — threatened by President Trump and the Republican-led Congress, especially to social programs, health care and public housing — could cause serious problems and exacerbate social ills, forcing Mr. de Blasio to do financial triage. That could potentially drain money from signature programs, like his promise to accelerate and expand a push to build and preserve affordable housing. And Mr. de Blasio, 56, remains

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